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SUBJECT: RED CROSS OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR OCCUPIED AGAIN

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2315

1. ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 17, A GROUP (OF FIFTEEN PEOPLE) CALLING ITSELF THE "COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS", OCCUPIED THE SAN SALVADOR OFFICE OF THE RED CORSS. AMONG THE OCCUPANTS WERE THE MOTHER (ANGELA GALAN RAMIREZ) AND DAUGHTER OF SONIA ESTELA RAMIREZ, AN ALLEGED "POLITICAL PRISONER". ALSO AMONG THE GROUP WAS SRA. ANGELA GALAN AYALA, WHO SAID SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF JUAN GONZALO PARADA CARRANZA (ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED BY SECURITY FORCES ON MARCH 16, 1976). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BOTH SRA. RAMIREZ AND SRA. GALAN AYALA SAID THEY WERE BOTH GOING ON A HUNGER STRIKE "BECAUSE WE HAVE NOW SPENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS TRYING TO OBTAIN THE LIBERTY OF OUR CHILDREN."

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2. DESPIRE THE REQUEST BY THE OCCUPANTS THAT THE OFFICE NOT BE ABANDONED BY RED CROSS PERSONNEL, RED CROSS OFFICIALS DECIDED TO TRANSFER ANY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC TO ANOTHER LOCATION NEAR THE "CENTRO DE GOBIERNO". THE OFFICIALS SAID THIS WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE LOW NUMBER OF CASES ATTNEDED TO UNDER PREVIOUS FAPU OCCUPATION (SEE SAN SALVADOR 2145).

3. COMMENT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU) MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS MOST RECENT TAKEOVER AS ONE OF THE RED CROSS PEOPLE REPORTEDLY RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS (ALMOST ALL OF WHOM WORE MASKS OR OTHERWISE COVERED THEIR FACES) AS HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE PREVIOUS FAPU OCCUPANTS. AS FOR THE MOTHERS ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP, AMONG THE LISTS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE EMBASSY, THE NAME OF "SONIA ESTELA RAMIREZ" APPEARS PROMINENTLY. THAT OF "JUAN GONZALO PARADA CARRANZA" DOES NOT. HOWEVER, THE NAME OF "GONZALO DE JESUS PARADA" DOES APPEAR AND HE COULD BE THE SAME PERSON.  
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